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As amended by this Preliminary Amendment, there are a total of seven (7) claims, two (2) of which are independent claims. Accordingly, it appears that a Filing Fee of \$370.00 is required for this Application and our check to cover same is submitted herewith. However, if this is in error, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to credit or debit our Account 13-2000 as appropriate.

It is contemplated a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment will be filed with the objective of placing the specification, claims and Abstract in formats which are more customary for U.S. Patent Applications. Such Supplemental Preliminary Amendment should be filed in the near future upon receipt of information from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office concerning the instant Application, including the Serial Number assigned thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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